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Presented for filing is a new **continuation** patent application of:Applicant: *David Sidransky*Title: *DETECTION OF NEOPLASIA BY ANALYSIS OF SALIVA*

The prior application is assigned of record to Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on *June 11, 1998* at *Reel 9252, Frame 0384*.

Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR § 1.53(b):

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- Permission to Use Sequence Listing (2 pg.);
- Copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for U.S. Application Serial No. 09/038,637 (2 pages); and
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This application is a **continuation** and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC § 120 of U.S. application serial no. 09/038,637, filed March 10, 1998. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of and is incorporated by reference in the disclosure of this application.

Preliminarily, on page 1 of the specification, delete the first paragraph (lines 4-6) and insert therefor— The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/038,637, filed March 10, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/579,223, filed on December 28, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,726,019, which is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/152,313, filed November 12, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,561,041.

This application is entitled to small entity status. Small entity status established in a previous application is still proper.

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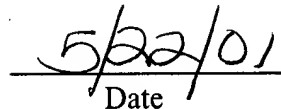
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